SECRET/CONTROL (U. S. Officials Only) CLASSIFICATION Chief of Station, Activities of Albanian Refugees, region contro DECADAL Source 1. Introduction . On 27 February 1952 Source sumbitted the information contained in the present report in answer to our request for his impressions of the situation and of L] e approach to his. Source's report of the current wiese of Harit.
MATIJANI (paras. 7-9 below) is considered of particular interest with regard to current and future possibilities of operating against Albania. Number and Locations of Refugees. There are 300-320 refugees at Lavrion Camp, Some forty kilometers from Athens; 25-35 living in the vicinity of Athens; and A0-50 confined to the Greak government's disciplinary concentration camp for refugees of all nationalities. located on the island of Siros. Leading Personalities. The principal representative of Bali-Agrer is the ex-Co nephew of the notorious Communist Colonel Petrit DUM: Commander of Morottle
Popullit units at Moros. Legalitet is represented by Professor Mystar
SPAHIU, a native of Luma, a fanatical partisen of King 206, HEI is represented by Whiarres BAJRARTARI, ex-colonel of 200, Among Ilbanians the latter is considered an eccentric. Besides the above party representatives, there is NOPA sub-committee representative Insen TOPTANU who spends the greater part of his time in Athens. TOPTAMI, in addition to his activities as MCFA representative, is generally 483TF.CT SECURITY IMPORMATION SECRET/CONTROL (U. S. Officials Only) CLASSIFICATION **標準 51-28A** ZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT Declassified and Approved for Release by the Central Intelligence Agency EXEMPTIONS Section 3(b) 2003 Date: (S)(A) Privacy n windhods/Sources 🛭 igi foreign Helations 🛛 .

Dispatch No. .

AIR POICH

regarded as a BIS agent. He travels frequently between Athens- Rome-Paris-London-Munich, and the true nature of his activities is not well defined. It is suspected that AIS is interested in his activities to a certain extent.

5. All the personalities mentioned above have a greater or lesser degree of contact with BIS as well as with AIS organs in Athens. Acting on behalf of their political parties, for the principal purpose of attempting to maintain the morale and support of their followers, they are required to report to their political leaders. Owing to this political factor, security is at an extremely low ebb, and what should be restricted information sconer or later becomes the subject of discussion among all Albanian refugee circles in Athens. The existence of this situation was confirmed to Source by General MIKGLOPOULOS, Chief of Greek ISS and Section; who retain this savice is almost fully informed of Albanian activities in Greece and elegators as a result of following the correspondence of Albanians in the country:

6. . ______

A young man of about 28 years, []s an agent of Greek and American IS in Athens: He was born in the Argirokastra district, at one time was an active Communist and partisan guerrila against Albania's Italian and German occupiers, and later became an employee of Communist Albania's Ministry for Public Works: In the latter position he made several official trips to Belgrade and Moscow. He fled to Greece in 1948, and several times subsequently has been paracheted into Albania on AIS missions: His present assignment is that of reporting the movements and conversations of his compatitots in Athens. During his stay in that ofty, Source was approached by I I in order to discover the reasons for his trip to Greece:

7. Hamit MATIJANI .

In Athens Source spoke at considerable length with MATIJANI whom he describes as a simple farmer of extremely sound judgment and very calm temperament. He reports the following as the views of MATIJANI concerning the situation existing inside Albania, the anti-nationalist measures of the country's government, and of the attitudes of the local anti-Communist population:

- a) Up through 1948 and 1949; placing considerable faith in Allied intentions concerning Albania, local populations extended their whole-hearted support and aid to operational missions in the country. With the subjectant enormous increase in the number of missions entering the country, especially following the capture of the Ethem CAMU group, such popular support was withdrawn, particularly as concerns southern Albania.
- b) The Tirane trial of Ethem CAKU, though distorted for propaganda purposes, also brought out certain aspects of Western operations against Albania which effectively served to lessen the support which missions into the country might expect to receive.

Classification: SECRET/CONTROL (U. S. Officials Only)
SECURITY INFORMATION

- e) A number of missions into Albania, despatched under the asgis of one soils political party or another, instead of confining their propaganda line to the exclusively anti-Communist themis, attempted to influence local populations in favor of their own particular political organizations. The effect of this procedure was totally undesirable, and served only to confirm anti-Communist public opinion in the country that allegiance is due no political group in exile. Such party political propagands, on the other hand, is highly useful to the Tirane Government which exploits to its own advantage all divergences among anti-Communist Albanians.
- d) The numerous trials of captured anti-Communist agents have been ably exploited by the Albanian Government to demonstrate that the activity of exile political leaders is limited to that of furnishing agents to the British and American services. Their sole objective, according to this quite successful propagands line, is that of assuring themselves a life of lummry in the various capitals of Western Europe and the United States.
- e) Poor criteria for selecting operational agents and failure to give them sufficient training has greatly contributed to lack of success of missions into Albania.
- 8. The above views, coming from a person who is motivated solally by patriotism, cannot be lightly dismissed in any consideration of possibilities for operations into Albania. His sincerity has been more than demonstrated by the numerous missions he has carried out, and the many wounds he bears are ample evidence of his outstanding courage.
- 9. As regards his closest commedes and followers, MATIJANI states that despite his own protests they have been separated from his for reasons which have never been explained to him.
- 10. Activities of AIS in Greece .

Recent AIS Athens-mounted operations into Albania have sustained heavy and unnecessary losses because of poor agent training, and because of failure to select reasonably safe drop areas. Some agents fractured their legs after

Classifications SECRET/CONTROL (U. S. Officials Calv)

or were forced to offent saicide in order to avoid capture.

In concluding, Source states that the above fragmentary information was picked up by him without effort, and he regards it as indicative of the fact that it common be difficult to obtain full information denoming AISt activities in Greece. He asserts his containty that such full information must likewise be available to Communist agents there.